

## **STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-59-99**

December 13, 1999

**Question:** “Is the additional grab bar required to be provided in accordance with the 1999 CT Building Code, Section 404.4 (of the 1997 International Plumbing Code portion of the 1999 State Building Code) if at least one ambulatory-accessible compartment in accordance with the 1998 ICC/ANSI A117.1 is provided for each gender per floor?”

**Answer:** Yes. Exception number one found in the 1994 State Building Code at Section P-1203.8.1 which used to exempt one from the additional grab bar requirement if ambulatory-accessible compartments were provided was deleted from the 1999 State Building Code during the code adoption process. The additional grab bar is now required at a minimum of one accessible toilet location for each gender on every floor within any non-exempt building other than areas in Use Groups E, R-2, R-3 and I-3 not serving public and administrative functions. The change in code language requires a reversal from the previously issued formal interpretation # I-12-96.